

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
ADULT SYSTEM OF CARE**

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT



**Psychiatric Social Worker II
Veterans and Loved Ones Recovery (VALOR) Program, HUD-VASH Team
Bob Hope Patriotic Hall One-Stop Veteran Service Center**

The HUD-VASH team is a cooperative effort between the Departments of Mental Health (DMH) and Veterans Affairs (VA) to implement an intensive Housing First Assertive Community Treatment program intended to assist chronically homeless mentally ill Veterans residing in Los Angeles County. As a result, DMH is seeking to hire a Psychiatric Social Worker with experience working with veterans and their families. In collaboration with staff of participating agencies, the Psychiatric Social Worker will perform the following duties for our returning war heroes:

ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES:

- Provide support, including outreach, engagement, and linkage, to homeless veterans, and their families, as well as acting as a liaison with the Greater Los Angeles VA Healthcare System in advocating for appropriate mental health services.
- Provide direct mental health services to veterans and their families with PTSD, Substance Abuse, and other mental health issues.
- Interview clients, their families, and/or representatives to obtain financial and other eligibility data and assist patients in preparing, completing, and processing VA, Medi-Cal, and other healthcare program applications.
- Work with veterans and their families to gather information about mental and physical health histories in order to determine diagnoses and establish treatment plans to resolve or cope with identified mental health issues.
- Evaluate veterans and their families' need for medical care, housing, benefits establishment, and provide linkage services with appropriate community services and the VA.
- Collaborate with the DMVA, U.S. Vets, and other mental health service providers for assistance in obtaining documents, reports, and specialized assessment results to optimize service delivery and maximize recovery and reintegration potential.
- Attend County, Department, VA and community agency meetings as required.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:

- Veterans qualified as Psychiatric Social Worker II are preferred.
- Experience in working with veterans and their families.
- Experience in working with multidisciplinary teams.
- Adaptable and flexible.
- Possession of excellent communication skills, both verbally and in written form.
- Possession of excellent organizational and interpersonal skills as well as self-directed, energetic, and committed.
- Ability and willingness to travel throughout Los Angeles County in the course of performing the duties of this position.
- Computer skills, including sound experience utilizing MS Office programs such as Power Point, Excel and Word.

If you currently hold the payroll title of PSW II, please send your resume, last two Performance Evaluations, and Master Time Card **By Friday, April 10, 2015** to:

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